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“The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places.”

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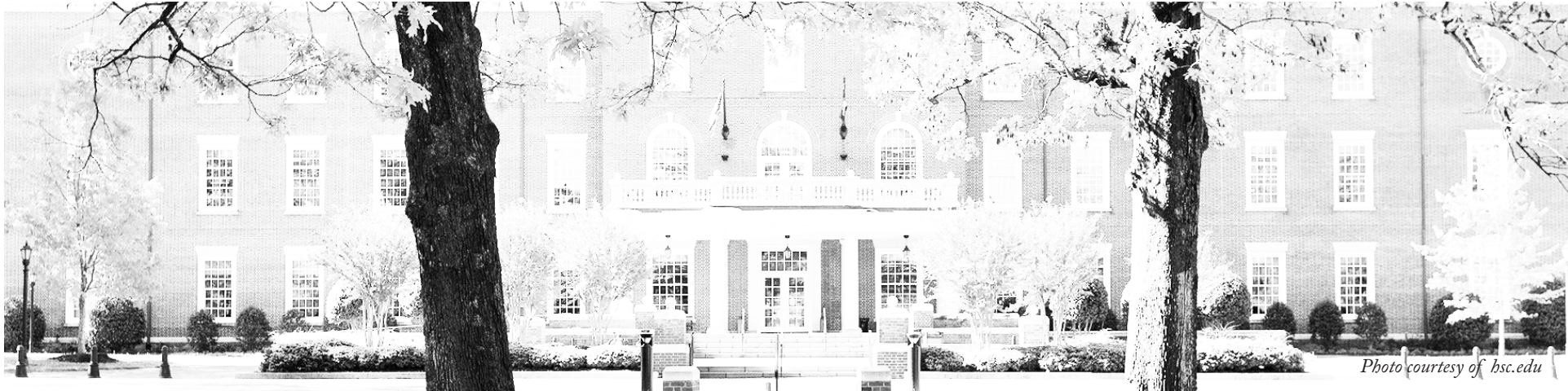


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H-SC Compass Program Receives Generous Gift

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NEWS EDITOR

The Compass Program is Hampden-Sydney’s newest initiative to tackle experiential learning. By combining hands-on learning with thoughtful reflection through group discussions and writing, this program prepares H-SC’s students to compete for top jobs and graduate programs.

Although Compass might appear to be brand new, many upperclassmen are probably already familiar with its courses, as there were over 30 pilot classes in the past year and a half.

Some of these classes were derivations of regular classes, such as Introductory Chemistry classes, while others were single credit additions to internships, such as the interdisciplinary class held in conjunction with the Hatteras Island Internship.

Those who arrived before the Compass initiative began are not required to take any such classes, but all freshmen and transfers from last

year and on are required to graduate with three Compass courses. There are a few rules concerning these courses, to quote the Core Curriculum Checklist for 2020-2021, one of these courses must be “not in the division of the major (i.e., Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences & Mathematics)” and another one “must be ‘off the Hill’ (i.e., course activities are primar-

ily experienced off of the H-SC campus)”. As great of an idea as Compass is, the program would have had a slow start without support from Hampden-Sydney’s donors. Most notably, Rob ’87 and Cindy Citrone donated \$6 million to the program, giving Compass the foundation it needs to get on its feet. The gift is to be used over the next 10 years, mostly in support of student scholarships and new courses.

The specific scholarships Compass supports are those that are given to H-SC students in internships off campus and in study abroad programs. This

is particularly welcome because in years past students may not have been able to study abroad due to financial constraints. The Compass Program’s resources are also used to support new courses that need funding, which is done equally as the program supports all disciplines evenly at Hampden-Sydney.

Indeed, even those classes that may be converted into Compass

courses are not limited by division of majors nor disciplines. Although some classes may have an inherent advantage in experiential learning over others, such as those that come with hands-on labs as many of the sciences do, Compass is more than simply an experience. Only by adding serious reflection guided by trained fac-

“Hands-on learning is important for Compass classes, but just as crucial is the reflection after the experience.”

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From the Desk of the Student Court Chairman

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GUEST WRITER

To say this Fall semester will be strange and untraditional would be correct. As we all know, there will be no Saturday Tigerball tailgates, no late night ODAC soccer thrillers, and no rugby post-games. However, The College will still continue its longest tradition: forming good men and good citizens. Hampden-Sydney has persevered through every challenge to date and there is no reason to think that we won’t make it through this one.

The socially distanced classrooms and the CDC recommended mask mandate will take time to adjust to, but at least we are on The Hill. To the Freshman class: we are all here to help you adjust to college life as easy and safely as possible. This applies for my-

self, the rest of the upperclassmen, and, of course, the faculty and staff. We all want to see you succeed and we will do what we can to ensure that you do. Our many supports on campus—the counseling and health centers, to name two—are there to do just that, support and help you. I want to offer three pieces of advice to the incoming freshman:

“...we are all here to help you adjust to college life as easy and safely as possible.”

forget something in your time here—it happens to everyone. The best way to limit those forgetful moments is to write things down. Whether it be homework, an upcoming quiz, or an appointment with a professor, keeping a consistent

“I know you’ve heard it before, but there is no such thing as a stupid question.”

record will help you plan and be prepared for your upcoming schedule.

(2) Get involved. There are over 50 clubs and organizations on campus. From the overlanders and outsiders, to skeet

shooting and cycling, we truly have it all. Look at your schedule, talk to your advisors and upperclassmen about how much you can handle, then go get it. Granted, this semester will be strange with many clubs moving towards online meetings, but there will still be options available for you. Additionally, student government is an option.

We have a completely student-run government; this includes a senate, court and a student body president. Whatever your interests, Hampden-Sydney has it.

Lastly, (3) don’t be afraid to ask questions. Seriously. I know

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Letter from the Editor

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If the 2020 Summer Olympics had occurred in Tokyo as planned this summer, it would have been the fifth one of my lifetime. Like many spectators (not to mention several thousand athletes), I was worried when I heard that world leaders started announcing that they would not be sending athletes to the Games because of the risks associated with the COVID-19 outbreak of COVID-19, and I was disappointed when the games were cancelled officially in March.

I love the Olympics. I love the excitement. I love watching the opening and closing ceremonies, the sports, and the events that look difficult but can’t really be called sports. I love watching each host-country try and outdo the last host-country with a bigger stadium or a more modern-looking torch, and I love watching the moments of greatness flicker on a screen.

Perhaps more than it all, however, I

love watching the transformation I see in the personalities my fellow spectators. Anyone who has ever watched the Olympics in a group knows that the minute an event comes on the screen (e.g., beach volleyball, archery, platform diving), everyone in the room becomes an expert in that event—instantly.

A viewer who has spent a collective three hours of his life watching people sprint around a track suddenly has the acuity to tell when a slight error is going to cost a runner the race.

A spectator who, until now, did not know the first thing about diving now seems qualified to score the divers, explaining that

you can tell how good the dive was based on the amount of splash or something like that . . .

Although we did not get the parade of nations or the public

display of athletic excellence this summer, in light of COVID-19 and the upcoming election, we certainly *did* get some unqualified expertise—in fact, we got a heaping dose of it.

If only given the chance to be, every person is an expert in epidemiology or in foreign policy or in economics or in climatology. What’s more, everyone has something to say about it, and some will say it quite loudly. And, with the internet, it is easier than ever to find a smart-sounding person

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with a degree who will say something relatively intelligent that aligns with what you believe. The myriad of opinions offered about a

myriad of topics makes it next to impossible to know who can be trusted—when everyone is an expert, no one is an expert.

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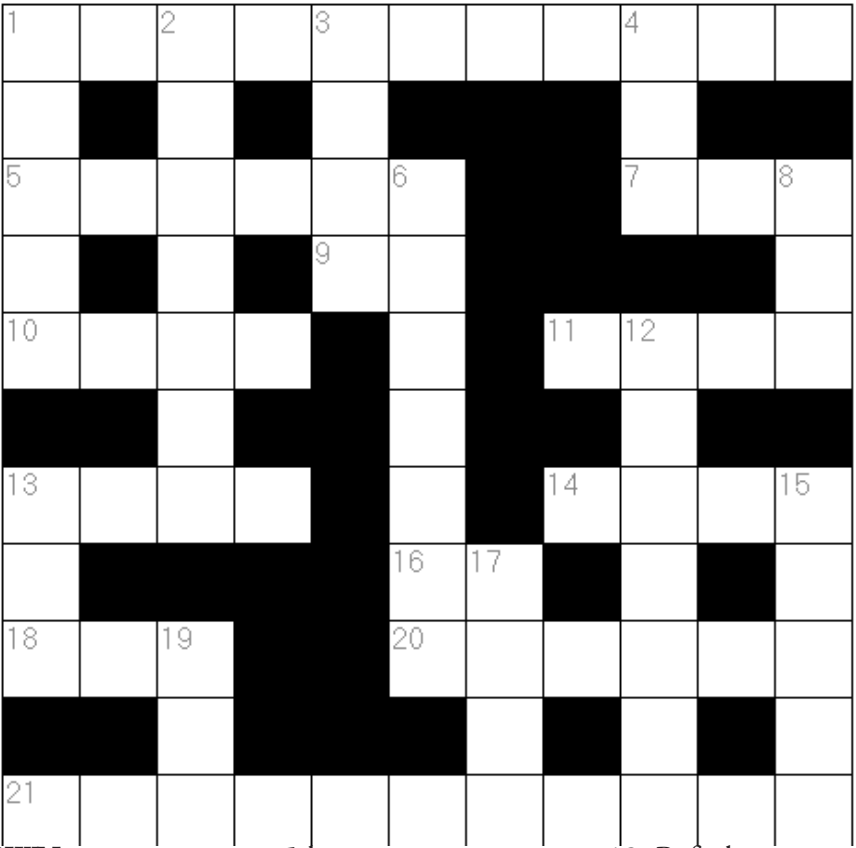
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“R” Way of Welcoming You

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DOWN:

1. You might say it when you're angry
2. Court Jesters' costumes
3. Bread cooker
4. Exam for Hogwarts

- 5th years
6. Not a good, but a
8. Jail on a ship o(r) large
12. Do or say repeatedly

13. Refridgerator (abbv.) o(r) Newton fruit
15. World's luckiest man (name)
17. Peruvian Kola
19. Drink (abbv.)

- ACROSS:
1. Nixon o(r) lost in the kitchen
5. Issues o(r) smooth paint jobs
7. Laotian/Thai meat salad o(r) a science room
9. Patriots' home region (abbv.)
10. Two singing together
11. Transport o(r) an unpopular search engine
13. #1 ordinally o(r) knuckles
14. Contents of a 6-pack o(r) honey-makers
18. Dress o(r) chatter
20. Internal organ o(r) imply
21. Exasperated expression o(r) demand of a bird's nose

From the Desk, CONT'D

you've heard it before, but there is no such thing as a stupid question. Whether it be something as simple as where a classroom is, or more complex, such as asking how to get the most out of one's time here. No matter the question, I'm positive that everyone on campus would be more than willing to discuss any topic with you.

My office is located at Brown 207, and my door is always open from 9:30-10:30. Also, my email is VaughtB21@hsc.edu and my phone number is (276) 733-3289, do not hesitate to reach out to me for anything at all. I look forward to meeting you all and I hope that you do nothing but enjoy your time here on The Hill.

Compass, CONT'D

ulty can a course qualify for the new program. Hands-on learning is important for Compass classes, but just as crucial is the reflection after the experience. Social distancing puts a damper on group meetings by hampering "hands-on" learning, but with split and scaled down classes, increased Zoom sessions, the Compass program continues strong. In

the face of potential distance-learning, all Compass professors are currently working one two separate programs, one to use on campus and the other to use with online learning. Despite the challenges such a distance would inevitably provide, the Compass Program will continue no matter what this semester brings.

Letter, CONT'D

It is difficult to put into a single sentence exactly what it is that makes a college like Hampden-Sydney great, but I'll try to nonetheless. Hampden-Sydney is not the kind of place that will make you an expert in anything but rather the kind that will teach you how to live in a world populated by people who think they are experts. Through studying philosophy, literature, art, language, mathematics science, history, and the social sciences, you will awaken to a world that is not just simpler but wholly palatable to you. If you take your education seriously, you will begin to learn how to distinguish expertise from charlatanism and knowledge from sophistry. So rarely do I

find myself in a position to give advice that I will seize at the opportunity I have as Editor-in-Chief to do so. What follows is my advice to Hampden-Sydney who wants to thrive. Develop good habits and routines. You are entering into a new phase of your life. Many of you are living alone for the first time, and all of you have decided that four years of writing papers, going to class, and studying for exams is more worth your time than four years of experience and payment in "the real world." Your schedule is in your hands, so take this new phase of life as an opportunity to shake a bad habit (like smoking) and pick up a new one (like frequent exercise). Seek out and take advantage of all the re-

sources the College offers. Give your dad a reason not to complain about how much Hampden-Sydney costs by getting every penny's worth of your tuition out of it. Go to the library; talk to your professors during their office hours; visit the Student Health Center; rent camping equipment from OSA; hike the Wilson Trail; go to the gym. You are the reason these resources exist, so use them. Get involved. For its size, Hampden-Sydney boasts an impressive array of clubs, organizations, societies, fraternities, etc. Rush a fraternity; play an intramural sport; find a charity to support; join a game club; write for the paper. Lest it all seem daunting to you, imagine yourself in four years looking back at yourself today. Would you rather wish you had done fewer things or regret not having tried new ones? Use fewer linking verbs (e.g., is, are, was, being, has been, were). This one is a gem.

In my experience, writing well is perhaps the biggest key to succeeding in college. And one of the simplest and most tangible ways you can improve your writing is by making a conscious effort to cut down on your use of the words that make writing dull. If you do, you will notice that your writing improves rapidly. In fact, I encourage you to go through this very letter and figure out how it could have been improved if I had used fewer linking verbs. Go to class. This one is a no-brainer, guys. Seriously. If you went on a campus tour at any point in the past few years, you were probably told by your tour guide that at Hampden-Sydney, students smile and greet one another as they pass on campus. This is true. Unfortunately, the requirement that all students wear masks in public places will put a damper on our ability to do so—it is hard to see a smile through a layer of cotton. Smile anyway.



The Hampden-Sydney Tiger Staff, circa 1978. Courtesy: the Kaleidoscope

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NEWS

College Receives \$2.45 Million in Anonymous Gifts

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MANAGING EDITOR

No doubt many have heard about the two generous gifts that the college has received this year. The smaller of the two gifts was given in honor of Professor Hinton Baxter Overcash, who taught on The Hill from 1922 until 1965. He set himself apart from his fellow faculty members in many ways, yet there are two that stand out the most. First, he did not hold a doctorate degree, rather just a master's degree.

Second, he had the opinion that while biology was a fine subject to learn and teach that should not be the main focus of Hampden-Sydney. Rather that Hampden-Sydney should train its young men to be doctors that had no equal. He made his opinion clear to all, yet only his students truly understood. He gave no quarter in

the classroom and expected none in return.

His goal was to mold his students and equip them with the tools that they would need in their careers, he would do so by example. He was a firm believer in showing the students

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how to do the work rather than lecturing and telling them how to do the work. He was so effective in what he did that there used to be a rumor that if any student of his mentioned that they had passed his courses when they were applying to graduate school that they would be automatically accepted.

Of course, it cannot be said for sure if the anonymous donor was a student of his or someone who greatly respected his legacy. Regardless, a gift of this magnitude is extremely gracious and will most definitely be used to help the college reach the \$40 million goal for the new

Pauley Science Center.

While Mr. Pauley did donate \$30 million dollars the entire cost is \$40 million dollars. Mr. Pauley's gift was a great step in reaching the \$40 million dollar goal and the \$1 million dollar gift is another great step to reaching the total goal. The one-million-dollar gift was given anonymously but in the name of Professor Overcash. The Professor will have the Immersive Biology Laboratory named after him. An Immersive Laboratory will be established for every discipline and essentially be an entire wing of the building. The Immersive Laboratories will be primarily used for the upperclassmen courses.

In these labs not only will classes take place, but faculty and student research will also be taking place within these labs. In regard to the \$1.45 million anonymous gift, it was given for need based financial aid for students. This \$1.45 million serves

to aid the Four-Year Carpenter Challenge.

For those who are unaware, the Carpenter Challenge was issued to Hampden-Sydney College in 2017. The Challenge was essentially for every year, for the next four years, that the college could raise \$4 million dollars for need based financial aid scholarships the Carpenter Foundation would gift Hampden-Sydney \$1 million dollars for need based financial aid scholarships. As of December 2019, the college has been able to complete the challenge, thus far, raising \$8 million and receiving \$2 million from the Carpenter Foundation.

The Carpenter Foundation was formed by E. Rhodes Carpenter who was of the class of 1929. In his life Mr. Carpenter established the Carpenter Company, an industry leader in foam and rubber products. During his life he was a supporter of many different things which

was why the Carpenter Foundation was established to support his interests after his passing. This is why the Carpenter Foundation is such a large and frequent donor to Hampden-Sydney as well as many art programs across the country. Overall, the money from the anonymous donor as well as the Carpenter Foundation is not and will not be fully available all at one time. It will instead be added into the College's Endowment.

A College Endowment is similar to a trust fund. In total the College's Endowment is approximately 180-190 million dollars. Rather than using all

that both of these gifts share is that they were not pledges. They were given in full to the college all at once which allows them to be added directly into the endowment and the funding for the Pauley Science Center. These gifts were given to the college earlier in the year but they were not announced until recently due to COVID-19 in hopes that this bit of good news was well needed to offset so much bad news that currently surrounds us.

More good news is that when students do return in the fall, they will see that the Pauley Science Center will be beginning to take shape as the construction is scheduled to begin in June. Furthermore, any doubt over the need of a new science building is mostly wiped away as the virus shows that the need for cutting edge, up to date learning and equipment is needed to prep HSC students for what they may face in life.

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of that to give each student free rides and palatable food to eat only 4.5% is withdrawn every year. This 4.5% is used to provide scholarships, pay professors, fund the athletics, etc., etc. The advantage

new science building is mostly wiped away as the virus shows that the need for cutting edge, up to date learning and equipment is needed to prep HSC students for what they may face in life.

What Happened to Study Abroad?

BENJAMIN HAGER '23
STAFF WRITER

This past summer was an unusual one, to say the least. We're living in a time unlike any other. For those students who had plans to study abroad this summer, were they able to complete their program as planned, did they complete a modified program, or did they just have to stay home?

According to Dr. Daniella Widdows, Director of Global Education & Study Abroad, 48 Hampden-Sydney Students were approved for Study Abroad programs this summer, and another 8 students were approved for Study Away programs. These 48 students would have studied in 10 different countries. The top 5 countries were Ireland, England, Germany, France, and Japan.

“H-SC's faculty-led programs for 2020 were the German immersion program in Muenster, an ECON/BUSN program in Ireland, and a RHET/VISU program in South Carolina & Georgia. Many students were also accepted to the Virginia Program at Oxford. Unfortunately, all study abroad and faculty led programs were cancelled” said Dr. Widdows.

Daniel Marsden '23 had planned on going on an archeological expedition to Alaska as well as VPO this past summer. While those plans didn't come to fruition, he found other ways to

keep busy this summer.

“I had two main plans for the summer. The first was an archaeological expedition to Alaska which would've occurred through most of May. The second, was the Virginia program in Oxford, which would've happened from mid June through the beginning of August. Both of these plans were postponed due to COVID-19. Luckily, I will be able to go to Alaska for next year's field season, and I already have a spot reserved for next year's Virginia program in Oxford. Instead of doing these two programs, I did a variety of odd jobs. I Splitwood for a neighbor for a couple weeks. I mowed lawns. At one point I even washed rocks for somebody's building project. However I spent the majority of the summer working at a hotel primarily in the restaurant. In addition to work I also continued to hone my skills with GIS, a global positioning software which I would have used in Alaska. I think that work-

ing in the service industry has taught me a lot about dealing with people, which is a useful skill to have, but it is hard not to think about what I would have been doing this summer,” says Daniel Marsden, '23.

Like Daniel Marsden '23, Alex Kaneklides '23 was accepted into VPO, but had to change his plans when the program was canceled. “I was planning to either go to England for VPO or to be a camp counselor at Falling Creek Camp. Instead, I read a handful of Christian self-help books and went to see friends from college and previous conferences. If I had to do anything differently, I would have worked more, read more, or picked up a new hobby. Even so, I definitely gained a lot on account of COVID[-19].”

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from college and previous conferences. If I had to do anything differently, I would have worked more, read more, or picked up a new hobby. Even so, I definitely gained a lot on account of COVID[-19]. I found a local Catholic Church just up the road from my house that I wouldn't have found if I had been in England. I've grown a lot closer to friends that I wouldn't have otherwise known as well as I do now. Knowing those people more deeply has also made me a better person. In addition, I know a lot more about myself and how to be a responsible adult on account of my reading. Overall, this wasn't the summer that I was expecting, but it has certainly been a fruitful and enjoyable one nonetheless,” says Alex Kaneklides '23.

Like Daniel and Alex, I had planned on attending VPO this summer. Before that, however, I would have studied at The Université Grenoble Alpes in southern France for a little over a month. When those programs were canceled, I worked at our family sign company in Richmond for a couple months and interned at a law center for a month. After that, I went on a 17 day, 7,000 mile road trip across the

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Delay of Game: H-SC Postpones Athletics

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Hampden-Sydney has postponed the seasons of over half of the fall sports due to the rising concerns related to COVID-19.

This fall, members of the golf and tennis programs will continue to compete as normal due to the ability of the respective athletes to social distance. The other three programs: cross country, football, and soccer have been postponed to a tentative spring schedule due to the natural body contact and close proximity that occurs during play.

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Many colleges in the surrounding areas have taken similar actions in order to keep their doors open and stave off the threat of Coronavirus. After finishing the 2019 season at the top of the ODAC conference, Tiger soccer has been eyeing a

championship run for this upcoming season.

In the eyes of sophomores defender Connor Brooks, the push to a spring schedule “gives [us] more time to prepare for a tough season”. The soccer team will begin with “limited small group sessions and eventually full team sessions” in order to follow social distancing and group size guidelines set by Governor Ralph Northam. Other conferences in the NCAA have found a compromise in order to keep their fall programs in cadence. Notably, the SEC and ACC will only be

competing in inter-conference play in order to reduce contact numbers and travel to other schools. The call to postpone Tiger football, soccer, and cross country follows the domino effect of closures started by Washington and Lee University in

early July, which will not return to athletic competition until 2021. The absence of sports on the hill will not go without consequence as “the postponement of fall competition will undoubtedly have an impact on alumni and Hampden-Sydney community events this fall” according to President Stimpert.

Everett Stadium has hosted record setting crowds in years past, but these upcoming fall days will only feature football players clad in practice jerseys and the grounds crew. The tailgating scene will

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OPINION

Will H-SC’s Plan Actually Keep Us on Campus?

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STAFF WRITER

As the 2020-2021 academic year is starting, HSC has released a full-scale reopening plan catered to keeping students and faculty of the college safe in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. Some of the highlights of this plan include a requirement in which masks must be worn nearly everywhere except for one’s dorm room.

Also, students will have to complete a COVID-19 online training course while additionally bringing a laundry list of PPE-related supplies to school. Most, if not all, club meetings will be done virtually while fraternity life will most likely slow to a crawl as events with alcohol and lots of people will not be initially permitted.

While these ideas, in theory, sound great, will HSC be able to enforce these rules amongst the student

body? It is no secret that a large portion of people within the United States question the severity of COVID-19—therefore, how many students will take the reopening plan seriously? The reopening plan caters heavily to preventative care, that is, making sure that the campus is not hit with an outbreak. For preventative care to

work on campus, each student must take these steps seriously and if

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If there happens to be a cluster of students on campus that do contract the virus, a mere 86 beds are available for quarantining those students. Some are in Venable, some in Whitehouse, and some are in the Sagebrook apartments, which are off-campus. Now, while the likelihood of an outbreak is relatively low when students follow the guidelines, these beds will be filled quick-

ly if students don’t follow them. And if an outbreak within Farmville occurs, the likelihood of an outbreak amongst the student body only grows. There’s no solid plan for making sure students stay on campus in the event of a city-wide outbreak—so, it would be quite difficult to

make sure that an outbreak in Farmville would not make its way onto campus at some point.

Ultimately, making sure an outbreak does not occur will rely on the student body to fulfill the

guidelines that HSC has set. And if one argues that the virus does not

spread as health officials have described, simply think about the flu each winter at school. It spreads like wildfire because of the proximity of students in classrooms and dorms. And while the flu and the coronavirus are not the same, the rate of infection is just as if not more serious. Even if the students follow the guidelines set, it does not guarantee a successful, healthy fall semester.

It seems that the reopening plan is potentially gambling on students’ and faculty’s health as it may put way too much trust into the student body to carry out the plan. Because of the nature of

the virus, it is quite difficult to be optimistic.

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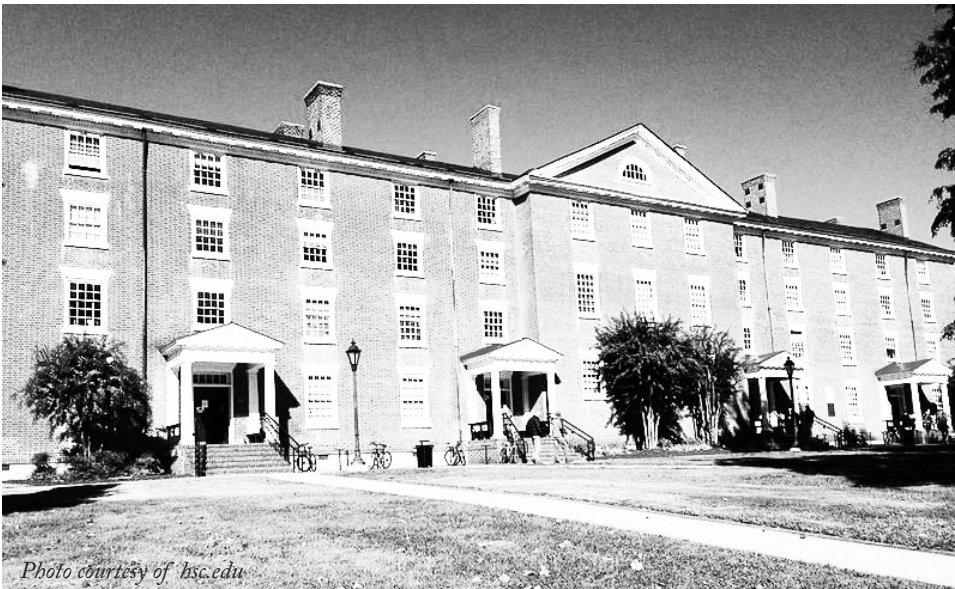


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Open Letter to Students Who Wish to Remain Online

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STAFF WRITER

For those upset by the college’s decision to have us return to campus, we hear your concerns and share the same uncertainty of our situation in the immediate future. Hampden-Sydney’s men will be returning to her from all over the nation, (including of course our few international brothers) which brings the possibility and risk of a COVID-19 outbreak.

However, no matter how incensed you may be about our return to campus, it should be clear to all students that this is a much better alternative for our small college than online learning, either at home or in dorms. While it would be nice to offer students the choice to continue their education online, I believe that the quality of the ‘Hampden-Sydney Experience’ will be watered down for all students, not just for those who would rather learn online.

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All lectures would have to be video recorded, which some students may not

agree to. There would be issues with attempting to give equal chances for virtual students to ask questions, or feel a part of the classroom. Some students do not have reliable service at all times or the internet capacity to support streaming 3 or 4 hour long lectures a day. Some classes just do not

work online and would have to be dramatically altered to work with the online program. Some group projects, especially for the science department, would be near impossible to participate in or create in a safe environment that would allow students to complete the projects with the same level of interaction and hands on knowhow.

We all worry for the health and safety of our great professors at Hampden-Sydney. If it came down to online lectures versus the safety of our professors, I am confident every one of us men would rather take

online lectures. However, we do not have to sit back and cower in the face of a possible outbreak. We have many ways to combat the spread of germs and diseases already and the college is planning on implementing many safety measures to comply with state and federal regulations, such as wearing masks to class and

providing more to-go lunch options, as well as limited capacity. They also plan to stagger class schedules to avoid students leaving classes mixing with students arriving in effort to reduce the number of people in the halls passing each other.

I hope that all students take COVID seriously, if not for yourself then for your brothers, your professors, your administration, the wonderful townsfolk and business owners of Hampden-Sydney and all the rest of the people who make our daily lives possible in Farmville. We will fight to stay open and preserve the quality of education that we have championed since 1776 and continue the tradition of remaining open in the face of adversity as we have done many times before.

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What Happened?, CONT’D

country. I stopped at Petrified Forest National Park in New Mexico, the Grand Canyon in Arizona, and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, among other places. Not long after returning from that trip (COVID free—I tested negative at the end of it), with a couple weeks left before I needed to be back on campus, I drove

up to Maine with my family and quarantined there for two weeks. The state of Maine has had very few COVID cases, so it was a convenient way to vacation while staying healthy.

Daniel, Alex, myself, and the dozens of other HSC students who were approved for Study Abroad programs had to find other ways to

spend our summers, but to be fair, most everyone had to change their plans to some degree.

Judging from the students I’ve talked to, I think it’s going to take more than a global pandemic to keep Hampden-Sydney Students from enjoying their summer vacations.

Rioting is Never Permissible

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Since the absolutely horrific and tragic killing of George Floyd this country has been rocked by a series of escalating protests and riots. Once peaceful protests have developed into rioting and looting; this has occurred most notably at the federal courthouse in Portland.

Leftists deride ‘fascistic’ tactics of the police, the right condemns the group as violent anarchists, and the innocent

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citizens of Portland are terrorized by a mob of violence. These riots destroy lives, businesses, and they fail to affect any change in their community. It is not that rioting for this cause is unjustified; rioting for

any cause is unjustified. Protests, like the March for Life or the Women’s March, are the demon-

strations to show the will and passion of the populous for a specific topic. These protests most often gather peacefully, like mind-

ed individuals and demand change from public officials. People can legitimately protest for any cause that they so choose, and they are guaranteed the right to peacefully

assemble by the first amendment. Protests operate within the system of government that exists. Revolutions, like

the American War for Independence or the Bolshevik Revolution, are popular seizures of the

legitimate use of violence in an attempt to tear down the existing governmental structure and replace it with a new system of government. Revolutions

popularize the legitimate use of force, but this occurs as they attempt to institute a new system of governance that would ex post facto make their actions legitimate.

Revolutions operate from outside the system in an attempt to institute a new system. Riots are unlike either of these other two events. Riots, like the events that transpired in Portland and Seattle, are vi-

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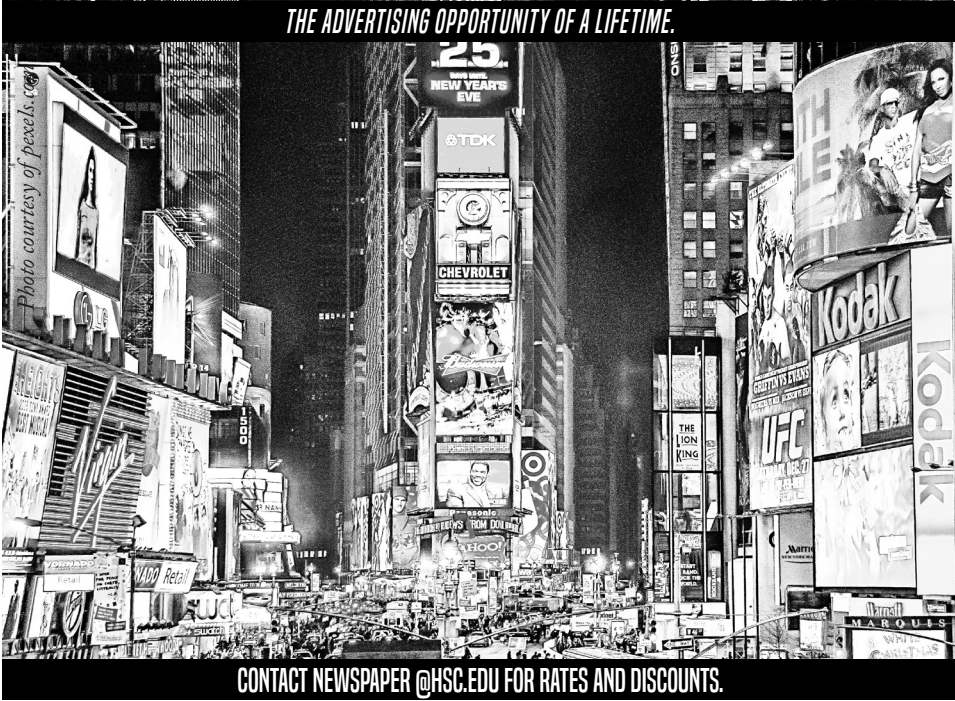


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SPORTS

To Stand or Not To Stand?

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For a lot of people, especially sports fans, the COVID-19 pandemic became a big concern once news broke that the NBA would be postponing their season. It forced us all to drastically change our daily lives and left us without sports for several months. Now, with sports organizations like the NBA coming back, all of us sports fans have another chance to watch the players we love play our favorite game.

However, certain decisions in the NBA have led to great controversy recently. In the wake of the brutal murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and world wide BLM protests, NBA players made a statement by kneeling during the national anthem to protest police brutality.

This particular type of protest was started by former NFL player Colin Kaepernick after consulting with retired Army Green Beret, Nate Boyer. Although, protesting during the national anthem is not a new thing in the sports world. In the 1968 Olympic games Tommie Smith and John Carlos did a Black Power salute during their medal ceremony. They remained standing, however, and it was met with a lot of, if not more controversy than what kneeling during the anthem faces today.

It is safe to say that no protest that takes place during the anthem

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will be universally understood, respected, or accepted. Athletes that take part in these sort of demonstrations are viewed as ungrateful or separating themselves from America. But, when a player goes against the “status

quo” of kneeling during the anthem and stands, he or she is praised for standing up for what he or she believes in. This displacement of respect and disrespect is false. The beautiful thing about sports

is that different ethnicities, races, and genders can get together to enjoy something in an amazing country. With these differences come different ways to represent and show respect to our country and those that fight for it.

These men and women that fought and still fight for our rights and freedoms include veterans and the many that have died fighting for civil rights, women's suffrage, LGBTQ rights, and many others that have dedicated and given their lives for the rights of minorities and people of color on American soil so that the constitutional liberties they fight for can be enjoyed by everyone. Regardless of

if someone kneels or stands for the national anthem they should be treated with respect and embraced as family. A person does not hate this country because he or she kneels, and a person is not racist because he or she stands.

Citizens kneel because they feel forgotten in a country that is supposed to protect and represent them. They feel that this America is not the America minorities have fought and given their lives for. It is not out of disrespect that they kneel. It is a cry for help and a statement to show that POC will continue to fight for equality.

Other citizens choose to stand because they see standing for the anthem as a sign of respect for veterans. Many have family or friends in the military

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The Enemies of Baseball

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Everyone thinks that the Astros got off easy. And they did. Major League Baseball did a full investigation, and I know everyone has heard about this by now, but they were found cheating in egregious ways. They were sign stealing using a live game feed, and then, they would signal what pitch the opposing catcher was calling to the batter at the plate by banging a trash can if it was going to be an off-speed pitch.

The cheating took place in 2017, the year they won the World Series against the Dodgers, and the Dodgers weren't the only people that were infuriated when the results of the investigation became public. The only punishment that the Astros faced was the suspension of their Manager, General Manager, and Team President for a season. Nothing happened to the players. It's not like

the players didn't have anything to do with it. The Astros quickly changed from one of the most exciting and fun teams to watch in the game to the most hated.

Before COVID-19 swept the nation and put a stop to our normal daily lives, the Astros were walking into the 2020 season with a big target on their backs, literally. These guys were going to find a ton of 95 mile per hour fastballs coming right for their ribs.

Every player in the league that wasn't wearing an Astros uniform hated their guts, and they deserved it, but let's be real: they weren't the only team cheating. They just got caught.

Anyways, after the prolonged break to baseball, the controversy about the Astros seemed to die down a bit. They were still the most hated team in the league, giving the Yankees a rest for a season, but the talk

about baseball no longer surrounded the Astros. It was about how players were going to have to buy into a shortened season, how players would have to stay in isolation, how the league was going to have a tough time finding a way to make baseball a thing this year, how is the DH going to work this year now that it's in the National League, and how the league was going to be able to make baseball a thing this year.

The Astros were almost forgotten about. Then the season started. It was the Astros versus the Dodgers. It was a pretty good story line, so credit to the league schedulers for starting the season off with this matchup.

That first series, the Astros got plunked a lot. And no one said too much about it. Then, when the Dodgers played in Houston against the Astros, Joe Kelly wanted to join the party. He threw some pitches around some of the Astros' heads. He ended up getting a strikeout of Carlos Correa, and then, Joe Kelly mocked him walking off the field making an awesome pouty face. It was like watching two elementary school kids.

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Renewing Mookie Betts

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Wouldn't it be cool to make 365 million dollars over the next twelve years? Yeah, Mookie Betts is about to find out the sweet luxuries that come with that kind of contract.

Just a couple of weeks ago, Betts signed that major contract extension with the Los Angeles Dodgers after he came to L.A. in an offseason trade that also sent David Price, the 5 time All-Star and 2012 Cy Young Award winner to L.A. and former Dodgers' top prospect Alex Verdugo to Boston along with another prospect, Jeter Downs.

Betts' new contract makes him the second richest player in the game behind the only player that has played better baseball over the past 4 years, Mike Trout. That is no slight to Mookie.

Mike Trout is by far the best player in baseball right now, even if Christian Yelich and Cody Bellinger continue to put up monster seasons. Betts'

contract may have been a surprise to many, especially with the uncertainty that COVID-19 has

put on this season, but it may have been the smartest thing that Mookie Betts could have done.

Sure, you could say he's smart for taking a 365-million-dollar contract. I mean, 365 million dollars is a whole lot of cash, but he has played as the second-best player, Mike Trout still takes the cake, in the game for several seasons now.

After the record breaking contracts that Manny Machado and Bryce Harper received a couple of years ago, Betts was in line to pass the 400-million-dollar threshold coming into this upcoming offseason. Harper and Machado each received contracts of 330 million and 300 million respectively, and to be frank, each has flashed potential greatness, and they have been great ball players throughout their careers, but neither

one of them has consistently been excellent enough to carry the kind of cache that

is associated with contracts of that magnitude. On the other hand, Betts is entering his age 27 season, putting him only a year older than what Machado and Harper were during their contract years, but Betts comes with a longer track record of superstar caliber play. Since 2016, Betts has had the hardware to prove

that he's been better than the likes of Machado and Harper. He has been an All-Star 4 times, a Gold Glove award winner 4 times, a Silver Slugger winner 4 times, he has a 2018 MVP award, and he has a World Series ring.

Sure, Harper and Machado may have him beat in the power department, having slugged 178 and 188 homeruns respectively since 2014 compared to Betts's 140, but Betts owns a career WAR of 42.5, which is staggering

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Rioting, CONT'D

olent attacks on the law and order of an area in response to some inciting incident. Rioters vandalize and steal property, victimize one another via violent crime, and attack government buildings and personnel.

Riots are characterized by the popular use of violence; the defining factor in a riot is the use of violence

by the crowd. There is no broad plan to topple the society and build a new one; there is only rage, anger, and crime.

Crime, by its nature, is operating outside of the societal system. Riots simultaneously violate the norms of society without an attempt to institute their own society. Riots do not attempt to tear down the

existing system nor operate within the system.

Under no circumstances is it permissible to riot, as it illegitimately dispatches violence. Protests do not dispatch violence as they operate within the system. Revolutions legitimately dispatch violence in pursuit of a more perfect union. Rioters do not have the right to

dispatch violence, yet they do anyways. There is no cause under which

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it is permissible to riot, not for first amendment rights, not for second

amendment rights, not for taxation, not for racial justice. If an injustice

is egregious enough to warrant violence, then it is egregious enough

to warrant revolution. In no way is this a condemnation of important issues. The question that should be asked when a problem is exposed in society is 'Is now the time for protests or is now the time for revolution?' If it is not worth picking a gun up and fighting a civil war over, then it is not the time to inject violence into politics.



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Join the Action!

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Have you ever considered becoming a firefighter? There is no better time than the present to join your local volunteer fire department located on the southern edge of campus (between Kingsville Road and Building & Grounds). The Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department (HSVFD) is an immeasurably rewarding way to spend your valuable time in col-

lege by volunteering as a firefighter/EMT.

Absolutely no experience is required as training is provided both in house and with state/locally funded training and certificate programs. Joining the HSVFD will allow you as many or as few of the following opportunities: hands on pre-hospital patient care, emergency incident mitigation and management, leadership roles, firefighter and EMT training, the ability to assist others in time of need, creation of life-long

friendships, and more! Our first due response area covers over 76 square miles within Prince Edward County.

We respond to emergency scenes of all types including: structure fires (houses, garages, educational buildings, et cetera), brush/forest fires, cardiac arrests, cerebrovascular accidents, vehicle accidents/extrication, and technical rescues. Whether you are a new student or lifelong resident of the area, the HSVFD would like to welcome you to our ranks.

To Stand, CONT'D

and have a well deserved gratitude towards them. Both love their country and want to see it change for the better. There are simply different ways of showing that love.

These words have been personified nicely by Meyers Leonard of the Miami Heat. Meyers' brother served two tours in Afghanistan and has many friends who are Navy Seals. Due to this he could not bring himself to kneel during the anthem. However, this does not stop Meyers from being outspoken about issues that affect the black community and doing his part to help.

It also did not

stop him from embracing his teammates who chose to take a knee. Meyers and his teammates did not allow their differences in standing or kneeling for the anthem to discredit or disrespect each other. In fact, they embraced each other in love and respect.

The truth is, whether we stand or kneel for the anthem, it should not make a difference in how we treat or respect each other. Both show a love for a country that is in desperate need of fixing. Meyers Leonard and the teammates that embraced him during the anthem showed us that

the issue is not kneeling or standing, but the things that tear us apart as a country whether that be ignorance, racism, or police brutality.

We are Americans with great capabilities. When sticking together we can make great statements and changes that can create a positive shift in our country. In this time of turmoil it is important to remember that we are more powerful together than apart.

If we are to eradicate racism in this county we need to have respect for one another and fight against the issues instead of avoiding them.

Delay, CONT'D

be sorely missed by all, but some, like junior Stephen Hochschild, are hopeful to see "tailgating done right in the spring". This season, students, alumni, and members of the community will no longer be able to sprawl across the rolling hills and the "Swamp" to soak up the early autumn sun and enjoy Coach Favret's Tigerball. The student body will be in full support of tennis and golf as they continue play this

fall and make the H-SC faithful proud. Senior Andrew Donelson will be leading the tennis program into an adjusted season in which he suspects "our fall matches and events this year will be fewer in number and only include nearby schools" in Virginia and North Carolina. The tennis team will most likely still hold their matches at home with restrictions on fan attendance and tailgating. Despite

the inconvenience, the new rules may open a new opportunity for a streaming service to broadcast Tiger sports so that students can watch while not in attendance. The future of sporting events and the culture around it have been altered, but there are ways to maintain some normalcy and pride at Hampden-Sydney College during these times.

Enemies, CONT'D

Joe Kelly ended up receiving an 8-game suspension, which is actually absurd. Joe Kelly, a pitcher who did no more than mock the opposing batter after the batter starting yelling at Kelly, received a suspension, something that none of the Astros players got, and they were involved in a huge stealing scandal that led to their championship. So, even in the large postponement to the game, the players didn't forget about the 2017 World Champs. They wanted to try to make things as even as possible, even if they can never take away that 2017 trophy. There have only been two incidents this season where suspensions were given by the league. Both incidents have involved the Astros. "

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out, so of course, the Astros chirped back. In fact, it was one of the Astros' coaches that antagonized Laureano enough for Laureano to charge the visitor's dugout in the Oakland Coliseum from first base, something that has never been seen before. Laureano tripped and fell on his way to the take on the Astros, and the Astros' hitting coach Alex Cintron hid himself and his big mouth behind a couple of Astros players. I was really hoping that Laureano would be able to land a solid punch. Now, he's facing a six-game suspension, and Cintron is facing a 20-game suspension. It's crazy that Laureano is facing a lighter suspension than Kelly, when Laureano was definitely looking to inflict some pain, and all Kelly did was make a face after striking a batter out.

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Well, as the Astros continue their 2020 season, I'm sure they'll find themselves in more brawls and more drama in general. They are the enemies of baseball for this shortened season, and it seems like they are fully embracing it. Well, at least their coaches are playing the part. Oh, and the Astros find themselves 3 games below five-hundred and four and a half games back of the surging Athletics. Good luck, Houston.

every team this season, and it has left uncertainty about how the rest of this season may pan out, if it even does pan out. Teams have lost out on the some of the biggest portions of revenue that made the industry so lucrative like the loss of fans in the seats.

Many stadiums sold out over 40,000 seats on a nightly basis. Without fans, there are no concessions to be sold. Since the season was being shut down, teams lost money on tv ads. Just like many other businesses, baseball couldn't avoid COVID-19, falling to their knees as the annual expected

wealth dried up a bit.

Now, I'm not saying the sport is going to fall since there is no more money in the game. Just about every

While this past offseason saw many teams jump to spend some cash in free agency, this offseason may look a little bleak when teams

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team in the league is valued no less than one billion dollars, substantially higher than what it was back in the 90's.

But this loss in revenue obviously has had its effect on players in the league, even superstars like Mookie Betts.

aren't coming off stellar cash flows from the previous season.

What does that mean for players like J.T. Realmuto, who has arguably been the best catcher in the game and George Springer, who has been a star in cen-

ter field, even if he is a cheater? These two guys are supposed to be the cream of the crop for the next free agent period. Sure, the stars like these two guys may get their money, but what about the role players who don't even cross the million-dollar threshold? Will they be left without a job come February when players report to spring camp next year? With loads of uncertainty not just surrounding this sport but all sports, Betts will look like a smart man once this offseason rolls around.

Christians' Corner

Questions for Christians, Answered by a Christian

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Hampden-Sydney is going to look very different to all of us returning to the Hill. We all will be practicing social distance and wearing masks even to use the restroom. There's also a general atmosphere of fear about returning to campus.

As Christians,

how are we supposed to respond to all these fears and changes?

I would respond that we should be loving and responsible.

Saint Thomas Aquinas defined love as, "to will the good of another." The best way to love people right now is to protect the common good of Hampden-Sydney. We all need to make small sacrifices to keep others safe by wearing a mask and practicing the rules set to keep us safe. This sacrifice shows God and our fellow man that we are not selfish.

It seems to me protect those most vulnerable to its effects.

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they show others that we are willing to sacrifice temporary comfort for the sake of health. This is another way to carry the cross for the sake of the kingdom to also inherit the grace of the cross. (Rom 8:17)

Practicing these things fulfills the commandment of Christ to "love thy neighbor," and if a person must wear a mask to do that then the mandate

is over-rules personal comfort. This is not an infringement of rights but rather a promotion of the common good. I implore all of us to think of how our actions affect others for good or ill. Not only in public but in private as

well. Please be conscientious about parting and other gatherings could increase the spread of the virus. Am I saying don't be with other people? Of course not! What I am saying is that as Christians and Hampden-Sydney men we are called to a higher standard of love and virtue. By following the rules that the college has laid down, not only do we help keep everyone safe, but we please God by doing so. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, so let us grow in virtue. Be responsible and safe everyone, God love you. Of course, this is just my humble interpretation. There are over a billion Christians, each with their own views. I am always open to discussion and criticism. Please email me more questions at whitfiel-

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di21@hsc.edu, and I will endeavor to answer them as best as I can. *Non nobis Domine.*